

Making a Good Neighborhood Great!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 PM, Salpointe high school trophy room

SAMOS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2005

Last meeting's minutes were approved with the removal of the words "ticket shuttle" as it was ambiguous and no one remembered its reference.

Tucson Community Land Trust: Shay Salomon, a Samos resident involved with the land trust, explained it as a strategy to help preserve neighborhoods by maintaining affordable single-family housing and giving local residents some control over development. For example, the Trust might acquire a lot with mature vegetation and a single-family home; the home could be sold (or rented) to a family at a reasonable cost because they would not be buying the land. The property would remain an affordable home in the neighborhood and could not be turned into a complex of rental units. Land Trusts do not lower the property value of other homes, and may help protect home values by keeping the neighborhood a desirable place to live. Land Trusts can also be used for businesses such as day care centers and other uses. Land Trusts are working well in many cities, including Flagstaff and Albuquerque. We will have more information about the land trust idea at the next meeting, possibly including a 30-minute video.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$1000.55 in restricted funds and \$303.16 in unrestricted funds. An audit is required and two volunteers, Byron and Kathryn Hays, will assist Dennis in the audit.

Updates, News, etc.

Some Salpointe students are parking in the neighborhood beyond the Resident Permit Parking signs and blocking access to residents' homes. Recommended that neighbors speak directly with Father Fred with a call to the school or at the next meeting.

Traffic Circle planting is nearly complete. The traffic committee would like to add gravel to some of the dustiest circles.

We need to complete the 15 hours of community service for our PRO Neighborhoods grant. A few people volunteered to help at a Cinco de Mayo celebration to help complete the hours.

Carol Clark from the Ward 3 office reported that trash can pull-back has improved from 75% compliance to 97% compliance.

There will be a METH Town Hall Meeting at the Ward 3 office (NE corner of Grant and Vine) on Wednesday, June 29th.

FLYER The ballot for proposed street changes on Spring Street just west of Campbell is included with this newsletter. The Neighborhood Association concurs with the city engineers' plan to mitigate traffic and parking problems caused by Coffee Xchange, the 24-hour business on the NW corner of Campbell & Grant. Coffee Xchange does not have sufficient business parking to comply with City codes, and nearby residents have complained that customers park in neighborhood streets and block driveways, create noise at all hours, and leave trash in residents' yards. The ballot is for nearby residents who do NOT want the street changes; homeowners near the Coffee Xchange who want the changes do not need to send in the flyer. Anyone opposed to the plan must return the flyer and include their name and street address. The ballot is particularly for those who live in the area from Copper Street south to Grant Road, and from Campbell Avenue west to Mountain Avenue.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Salpointe high school trophy room (enter the main gym from Copper Street; the trophy room is to your right).

Samos Neighborhood Association mission statement:

"The purpose of the association is to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the Samos Neighborhood, and to provide an opportunity for neighbors to meet and work together for common goals."

All residents of Samos Neighborhood are encouraged to attend our meetings and hear what's going on in the neighborhood, express concerns, and provide or ask for information of interest to the neighborhood. Samos is the area bounded by Grant Road on the south, Mountain Avenue on the west, Glenn on the north, and Campbell Avenue on the east. Samos is named for one of our first

residents, a Greek immigrant from the island of Samos who built here in the 1920s.

Tucson Transit Study information is on-line at tucsontransitstudy.com (www.).

Web Sites associated with the Samos N.A. are:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/samos_na/
<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/Samos>

More information can be found at the Pima County Government Web Site. <http://www.co.pima.az.us/>

Samos N.A. & Important Numbers

Rose Byrne, President	881-4637
Carl Noggle, Vice President	318-9905
Dennis McCormick, Treasurer	321-9577
Colette Endrizzi, Secretary	
Tucson Police Dept (emergencies)	911
Tucson Police (non-emergencies)	791-4444
Beat Officer	791-5303 ext 2304
Ward 3 City Council Office	791-4711
Citizen Comment Line	791-4700

"The City of Tucson, its officers and employees, its Department of Neighborhood Resources and all other offices neither agree nor disagree with the views expressed or implied in this communication and are not responsible therefore. The distribution requestor is solely responsible."

Dated Material

Samos Neighborhood



Department of Neighborhood Resources
P.O. Box 27210
Tucson, AZ 85726-7210

PRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TUCSON, AZ
PERMIT # 426

